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SUBJ: FY 1977 AID PROGRAM; AUB PROJECTS

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1. REF A STATES THE CONTRARY TO OUR HOPE, AID/W HAS DECIDED NOT, REPEAT NOT TO PUSH FOR AUB PROJECTS FOR REPLACING EQUIPMENT AT AUH AND RECONSTRUCTING THE AUB FARM. WE STILL BELIEVE THESE TWO PROJECTS ARE BEST USE OF REMAINING FY 77 GRANT FUNDS FOR LEBANON AND URGE YOU DISCUSS THEM THE REP. LONG AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. (HOELSCHER AND ASPER HAVE ADVISED THAT BOTH ARE LONG-STANDING FRINDS OF LONG FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE AS THIS MAY BE.)

2. FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE USEFUL IN YOUR DISCUSSION:

A. THE CURRENT AUB LEADERSHIP UNDERSTANDS THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REDUCING ASHA SUPPORT FOR AUB.

B. NEWLY-INSTALLED PRESIDENT HOELSCHER DEPARTS OCTOBER 9 FOR
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TWO-WEEK VISIT TO ALL GULF STATES WITH OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING CONTINUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM.

C. FROM NOVEMBER 10-19, HOELSCHER WILL BE IN U.S. FOR SAME PURPOSE.

D. WITHOUT BEING CRITICAL OF ALL PRIOR EFFORTS, HOELSCHER BRINGS

NEW FERVOR AND IDEAS TO PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES AS U.S. ASSISTANCE PROJECTED TO DECLINE. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THIS AND PROVIDE SOME BREATHING SPACE FOR HIM TO TEST HIS PROGRAMME IN THE MARKET PLACE.

E. IN A PRACTICAL SENSE, DESTRUCTION TO FARM AND HOSPITAL IS UNRELATED TO ASHA PROGRAM. KEY COMPONENTS OF AUB'S ACADEMIC TRAINING AND RESEARCH FACILITIES IN TWO CONGRESSIONALLY-MANDATED AID PRIORITY AREAS, E.G., FOOD AND NUTRITION (AGRICULTURE) AND HEALTH, HAVE BEEN SEVERELY CRIPPLED AND NEED TO BE RESTORED TO PRE-EVENTS STATUS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF USG TO REALIZE FULL VALUE ON PRIOR INVESTMENT IN ASSISTING INSTITUTION AND ENHANCING ITS CAPABILITY TO ATTRACT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES TO ASHA SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, AUB HELPS NOT ONLY LEBANON, BUT REPRESENTS A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AID-ASSISTED COUNTRIES AS FAR EAST AS BANGLADESH. IT SHOULD FOLLOW THEN THAT THE INSTITUTION RESUME ITS FULL CAPABILITY TO OFFER THE MOST UP-TO-DATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS DESTINED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR COUNTRIES' PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE POOR MAJORITY.
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